

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 7-12, as follows:

The genomic clone of SFN (sfn PROTEIN) was identified using the Human Ensembl website, http://www.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens, (supported by the Sanger Institute). A human PAC clone RPCI-50o24 was identified to contain the whole coding region and promoter and regulatory regions deemed essential for normal regulation. The PAC clone was further verified by PCR to contain both the 5' and 3' UTRs. The SFN oligos used for screening were: